



TIS COMMUNITY

Now that we are underway in 2025-2026, please consider the following suggestions for a successful school year: 1) Help your child stick to a routine that prioritizes learning before leisure. 2) Utilize the tools available to stay informed (PowerSchool, SeeSaw, Teams, Jump Rope). 3) Carefully read through all school communications including the Weekly Bulletin. 4) Don't delay in addressing concerns: Communicate with your child's teachers so they can better meet your child's needs. 5) Try to attend all school events especially learning celebrations and showcase events. 6) Recognize your child's accomplishments and teachers' efforts.

SECONDARY (6-12)

Parent-Student Handbook: At the beginning of each school year, the Parent-Student Handbook is updated. There are updated policies and procedures regarding school attendance, the deadlines for making up incomplete work, and parent-teacher communication. All parents are expected to complete the Handbook Verification Form that was sent by email and WeChat on Wednesday, August 13.

MAP Testing (Grades 6-7): MAP testing will begin on August 25 and will conclude on Thursday, September 11. Students in grades 6 and 7 will complete three sub-tests in Math, Reading and Language Usage. These beginning of the school year scores will serve as a baseline for comparison when students complete the second round of MAP testing near the end of the school year. Beginning this school year, grade 8 students will no longer sit for MAP tests but will take PSAT twice in the year (October and April).

Student Government: TEDA International School is proud to have an active and capable Student Government which supports school events, provides student perspective on school decisions, promotes school unity, and carries out important service initiatives. This year's Student Government elections will take place after candidate speeches are given on August 29.

Athletics and After School Activities: TIS is proud to offer great after school activities including MS football, HS volleyball, badminton, cooking, gardening, programming/coding, writing workshop, Spanish Club, and others. Please encourage your child to take part in season 1 after school activities.

Weekly Learning Bulletins: Parents of students in grades 6 through 12 can keep up with the topics and skills being taught in the core academic subjects by reading the Weekly Learning Bulletin that is sent out every Sunday (via WeChat). If you are not receiving this important school communication, please contact the Secondary Office.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PK3 Learning: Children will continue exploring water through fun, hands-on activities that spark creativity and curiosity while strengthening fine motor skills. They'll enjoy making rainbow foam, painting with water, racing boats, and discovering many more exciting ways to play and learn with water.

PK4 Learning: Building on last week's "Mat Man" activities that supported body awareness and spatial thinking, children will now begin creating self-portraits through drawing and playdough. This process helps them celebrate their individuality, while also learning to express feelings and enjoying playful songs about body parts.

Special Event: Open House & Water Play (Friday, Aug 29)

We warmly invite parents to join us for a fun afternoon of Open House & Water Play! Be ready to get a little wet and enjoy the time with your child. **Please prepare for your child:** 1) Swimsuit; 2) Big towel; 3) Waterproof non-slip shoes; 4) Change of clothes; 5) Sunscreen and/or a hat; 6) One favorite water toy (simple).

Parenting Corner - Play is Learning: Children learn best through play. Encourage open-ended activities that spark creativity, problem-solving, and curiosity.

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Identity and belonging

House Assembly: Mr. Robb will be hosting our first House Assembly of the school year on August 29 at 8:15 a.m. in the school Theatre. This will be a great opportunity to bring our school community together, celebrate house spirit, and set a positive tone for the year ahead.

Handbook Verification Reminder: A reminder to submit the Primary Parent Handbook verification survey. If you have not yet submitted it, please take a moment to do so by August 27. This is important to ensure parents are familiar with our school policies. Details have been shared in class WeChat groups.

MAP Test: Grades 1–5 will take the MAP Test next week. The results will provide teachers with valuable feedback on students' learning levels, helping them plan instruction and better meet students' needs.

After-School Supervision: As after-school activities have started, some students may wish to stay and play on campus after 4:00 p.m. Parents are kindly reminded to supervise their children during this time to ensure their safety and to help them follow school guidelines. Please also note that the forest area is not suitable for play when the ground is wet after rain.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sep 27-Oct 5	National Day Holiday (no school)
October 6	Mid-Autumn Festival Holiday (no school)
October 24	Term 1 Report Card Conferences